

PATENT APPLICATION
YH0028-US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 2833
SUZUKI)
Application No. 10/588,583) Examiner: Marina Fishman
Filed: August 4, 2006)
For: SWITCH AND DEVICE USING) TYCO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION
THE SWITCH) 309 Constitution Drive
) Menlo Park, CA 94025
) November 2, 2011
)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
and
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This application has been allowed on August 2, 2011, with allowed claims 1, 5 to 9, 15, and 17. The issue fee is not being paid and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed in order to bring art to the attention of the Examiner.

Disclosure Under 37 CFR § 1.56

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the following documents are hereby disclosed to the Patent Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). The Examiner is requested to consider the documents in the examination of this application.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that this paper is being electronically submitted via EFS-Web to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:

Name of person signing certificate _____ Marguerite E. Gerstner _____

Signature: _____ /Marguerite E. Gerstner/ _____ Date: November 2, 2011

Accompanying this paper is a form listing the documents. The Examiner is requested to return an initialed and signed copy of the form once the documents have been considered.

The following document, not previously sent, was cited by the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office during the examination of Taiwan Patent Application No. 94103284, which is a counterpart for this application. This document was cited in category “Y” as “particularly relevant document if combined with one or more document, which is sufficient to reject the inventive step of the invention”.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Document Number | Publication Date | Name of Patentee or Applicant | Translation | Category |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| JP-2003-297185-A | 10-17-2003 | Matsushita Electric Ind. Co. Ltd. | Yes | Y |

The following document, not previously sent, was included in a listing of prior art, that accompanied an official notice of grant for Japanese Application No. 2004-030418, which is the priority document for this application. No rejection of the claims for the Japanese application was made, so this document was not cited for rejection grounds.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Document Number | Publication Date | Name of Patentee or Applicant | Translation |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| JP-11-329134-A | 11-30-1999 | Mitsubishi Electric Corp. | Yes |

Copies of Documents

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2), copies of both of the foreign patent publications listed above are enclosed.

Fee

Applicant believes that because this Disclosure Statement is being submitted with an RCE, no fee is due. If this is incorrect, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0560.

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/Marguerite E. Gerstner/

Marguerite E. Gerstner
Registration No. 32,695
Telephone (650) 361-2483